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LB 559A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 559A does advance. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. A series of Appropriations hearing notices, signed by Senator Wehrbein. I also have hearing notices from the Judiciary Committee, signed by Senator Brashear. Government Committee has selected LB 963 as one of its two committee priority bills. And a new A bill, LB 279A, by Senator Jones. (Read LB 279A by title for the first time.) That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 431-433.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Next bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 449, a bill by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16 of last year, at that time referred to the Natural Resources Committee, advanced to General File.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, you're open to...or you're recognized to open on LB 449.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 449 was a bill brought to us by the Nebraska resources...brought to the Natural Resources Committee by the Department of Environmental Quality. It is to establish an application fee, beginning January 1, and we have an amendment to change that from 2004 to 2005, because this bill did not have time to be heard last year, to January 1, 2005. It is an application fee for those companies that have the potential to emit. And the bill is fairly straightforward. It has a \$3,000 fee for a company or a facility that has the potential to be a large emitter; it has a different fee for a medium-size emitter, I believe \$1,500; and it has a \$250 fee for a facility that has the potential to be a small emitter. I do have some examples of what a large emitter and a small emitter are. And this is...by the way, is a new...is a new program. They still...at the